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Applicant: Chandar et al.
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Filed: November 1, 2001
For: MILD COSMETIC COMPOSITION WITH STABILIZED RETINOIDS

Group: 1617
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003 for two months from October 22, 2003 to December 22, 2002.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

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